Button manufacturers from all sec-tions of the country will meet at the Waldorf-Astoria. New York, on March 5 for the purpose of organising a national trade association to be known as the Na-tional Federation of Button Manufac-turers. L. Carley, president of the Patent Button Company, Waterbury, Conn., will act as chairman of the meet-ing, which will be in the nature of a dinner.

Virtually unrestricted trade with Greece has been authorized by the War Trade Board. Coincident with this an-nouncement the board made public ad-vices from the French Government that French import restrictions had been re-moved from a large number of commod-ities.

Freeziting points to an exceptionally deferation of Button Manufacturing to crude rubber business, according to crude rubber importers and conn... will act as chairman of the meeting, which will be in the nature of a linner.

An interesting feature of the drug

Federal Taxes 1918

blanks for corporations will be ready for

distribution about March 10th, 1919. This

will allow less than a week's time for the

preparation of the detailed data required

on February 20th that corporations and, in urgent cases, individuals who are unable to complete their returns

and file them by March 15th will be permitted to file

with the Collector of Internal Revenue not later than

March 15th an estimate of the tax due for the year, with a remittance of one-fourth of such estimated amount and

that the Collector will be authorized to accept from the

taxpayers at any time within 45 days after March 15th

(which would extend the time limit to April 29th) the

complete tax return. However, in connection with this

ruling the Commissioner further advises that should the

payment on March 15th of one-fourth of the estimated

tax under this plan be greater than the amount eventually

found to have been due upon examination of the com-

plete return, the excess payment will automatically be credited against the second installment, which will be

due June 15th, but if the installment paid at the

filing of the return, based upon the estimated tax, was

less than one-quarter of the amount of the tax due the

government as shown by the complete return, the tax-

payer will be required to pay the additional amount and

also interest thereon from March 15th at the rate of 6%

by the Commissioner will tend to create much confusion

and that the time allowed under this plan for the filing

of estimated returns is entirely too short and that the entire trouble comes about through the endeavor of the Treasury officials to collect the first installment of the

taxes on March 15th, and that, therefore, the time for

making the payment of the first installment should be

lution No. 219, introduced by Senator New of Indiana, asking that a general extension of thirty days be author-

ized; also bill introduced by Representative Snyder, requiring that the returns shall be made on or before April 15th. If any immediate action is to be taken regarding the passage of legislation regarding these matters it

would appear to be advisable that taxpayers voice their

sentiments immediately by addressing communications

Chairman Senate Finance Committee, and

Chairman Ways and Means Committee,

The fact that the Commissioner has not yet had

time to make any rulings covering certain complex

features of the new Revenue Bill complicates the situa-

tion further, and it is our opinion that there is every

reason why not only the date of filing returns but the

date of the first installment payment should be extended

Ernst & Ernst

Audits and Systems

In this connection we direct attention to Joint Reso-

We believe that the plan outlined above as proposed

for the complete return.

per annum.

extended.

or telegrams to

Hon. F. M. Simmons,

Hon. Claude Kitchin,

Present indications are that the official

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue announced

BUSINESS NOTES

Washington, Feb. 26.—An announcement regarding the food administration's attitude on maximum hog prices for March, will be made late today by Frank S. Snyder, chief of the meat division. Mr. Snyder said today the announcement would be made without a meeting of the hog committee.

Philadelphia Markets

GRAIN AND FLOUR

PROVISIONS

The market ruled steady with a fair job-bing demand. We quote: Beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 40c; beef knuckles and tenders emoked and air-dried, 47c; pork family, \$524531; bams, S. P. cured, loose, \$1 6 325 c. do, skinned, loose, \$34 if \$4c; do, do, smoked, \$549844; hams, bolled, boneless, \$1c; picnic shoulders, S. P. cured, loose, 24c; do, smoked, 25c; bel-lies, in pickle, loose, 29c; breakfast bacon, \$8c; lard, 25c.

REFINED SUGARS Trade was quiet, but prices were stead-ily held on a basis of be for fine granulated. DAIRY PRODUCTS

CHEESE—Demand readily absorbed the limited offerings and the market ruled firm. The quotations follow. New York, and William to the market ruled firm. The quotations follow. New York, and William to the pecked of the pecked of

POULTRY

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LIVE—The market was quiet with ample offerings at quoted rates. The quotations follow: Fowis, 28 Bate; broiling chickens, fancy, soft-meated, weighing 19 22 be, apiece, 55 45c, spring chickens, soft-meated, larger sizes, 36 Bate; staggy young mosters, 29 Bate; of rootsters, 14 25c, ducks, Pekin, 40 E 42c; do Indian Runner, 38 Base; genes, 30c; guineas, young, per pair, weighing 14 E2 be, apiece, \$1 10 E1.50; smaller sizes, 60c \$11; guineas, old, per pair, weighing 14 E2 be, apiece, \$1 10 E1.50; smaller sizes, 60c \$11; pigeons, old per pair, 46 \$0.00; do, young, per nair 40 \$0.00; fair to grow and and the market ruled firm with demand equal to the offerings; The quotations: Tukeys, nearby, fancy, 48 state; do, was \$4.8c; do, 44 \$4.5c; do, 0.00; fair to grow to pair to grow to pai

FRESH FRUITS

The market ruled firm, with demand absorbing the limited afferings of choice stock of most descriptions. Quotations: White botatoes, Jersey, per %-bush basket—No. 1. 75@90c. No. 2. 50@00c. White botatoes. Pennsylvania, No. 1. per 100 lbs. \$1.20.25. White potatoes, western, per 100 lbs. \$1.90.02. do. New York per 100 lbs. \$1.90.02. do. New York per 100 lbs. \$1.56.2.10. Sweet potatoes, Jersey per basket—No. 1. \$1.75.02.10. No. 2. \$1.25.04.140. Sweet potatoes, Eastern Shore, per bhi.—No. 1. \$5.05.15.00. Sweet potatoes, Delawage and Marriand, bushel-hampers—No. 1. \$2.05.02.75. No. 2. \$1.05.01.175. Cabbase, Daniels seed, per top. \$2.00.02.75. do. sweet potatoes, Delawage and Marriand, bushel-hampers—No. 1. \$2.05.02.75. No. 2. \$1.05.01.175. Cabbase, Daniels seed, per top. \$2.00.02.75. do. southern, per hamper \$2.00.25. do. online, yellow, per 100-lb, bag. \$2.05.40. VEGETABLES

LOCAL MINING STOCKS TONOPAH STOCKS

GOLDFIELD STOCKS MISCELLANEOUS

Fix Southern Pacific Compensation Fix Southern Pacific Compensation
Washington, Feb. 26.—Compensation
of \$41,359,898 today was fixed by the
Railroad Administratin as annual compensation of the Southern Pacific system.
The road's subsidiaries provided for by
the total compensation are: the Houston
& Texas Central: the Arizona Bastern;
Galveston; Harrisburg and San Antonio;
Texas and New Orleans; Houston East
and West Texas; Houston and Shreveport; Morgan's Louisiana and Texas;
Louisiana Western and Lake Charles
and Northern and Iberia and Vermillion
railroads.

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GOSSIP OF THE STREET

BANKERS HOLD WIDELY VARYING VIEWS ON PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Many Hesitate to Oppose Vast Accumulation of Knowledge of Subject Possessed by Chief Executive. Gossip of the Street

DRESIDENT WILSON'S Boston speech met with widely different receptions in the financial district yesterday. There were financiers who highly approved all he said, and there were others who, to use the expression of a well-known banker, "jumped upon it." Those in favor of it were free in acknowledging that it would be almost a presumption to criticize it, as their limited knowledge of the situation could not reasonably be opposed to the vast accumulation of knowledge possessed by the President from his study and contact with the multitude of phases which the problem presents.

As for those who were opposed to the speech and the sentiments and ideals which it expressed, a certain banker whose mind is open on the matter pointedly asked some of them who were raising objections on general principles what they had to offer in place of it, and the result was a dense silence. Strange to say, many well-known bankers and brokers had not read the speech fully so as to express an opinion one

way or the other. They expected to read it later on-if they had time. One thing was noticeable as a result of interviews on the subject. namely, that bankers who at one time or another had visited Europe and had some knowledge of European affairs were in favor of President Wilson's aims as expressed in his Boston speech, while those who were opposed or indifferent had never had such experience.

Strength in Mexican Security Issues

A banker when speaking of Mexican affairs yesterday forenoon remarked that while so-called Mexican securities were not advancing in prices to the extent he expected, yet he believed it was only a matter of time when they would respond to possible future events which, he said, would prove important. It is now certain, he said, that what we know as the Mexican problem will come before the Peace Conference in Paris. It is now well known, he remarked, that France and England are determined that the problem shall be treated as a purely American one and that its solution is up to the United States; but it is clear that the American delegation is sufficiently strong to have the subject brought before the conference.

This, he said, is sufficient reason in itself for the strength of the Mexican issues in Monday's market, but it received added support from the fact that a committee of bankers had been selected to protect American security holders, which, he claimed, had an even greater effect. If the Mexican problem is disposed of by the Peace Conference, he said, it means that it has been settled once and for all, and an immediate response should be shown in quotations for Mexican securities.

Predicts Sale of "Victory Loan" on Time

The manager of a well-known banking and investment house, which has taken a very active part in the various Liberty Loan campaigns and is preparing to do the same during the Liberty Victory drive, said yesterday that if he had the power to determine the terms for the loan he would recommend a five-year 41/2 per cent note free from taxation.

He is afraid that if four different kinds of securities be offered, as has been hinted, the confusion which would result will be very great. Such an issue as he suggests, he said, would appeal to every one and would not disturb the issues already out, unless it might be the 31/2s, and he doubted if it would affect them. He believes that the loan will be sold on time, but he anticipates much harder work than in any of the

Aluminum Company of America Financing

The offering of \$12,000,000 short-term notes of the Aluminum Company of America yesterday by a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, the Mellon National Bank and the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, was rather a surprise in the financial district, as it was generally supposed that the Aluminum Company had made enormous profits during the war period, it having virtually a monopoly of the business in the United States. It was expected that the notes would be largely oversubscribed. It was said the \$12,000,000 was necessary to meet taxation under the new revenue bill, but it was asked by many what had become of the large profits.

The Aluminum notes are 6 per cent serials, maturing \$ 10,000 annually March 1, 1921 to 1923, inclusive. The company's earnings after taxes and depreciation have not been less than \$8,000,000 annually during the last four years.

Troops Back From the War and Others Homeward Bound

President Grant at New York from mobilize; and the 164th Infantry, com-Brest with 4729 men, including 756 plete, eighty-seven officers and 3359

wounded.
Included are Headquarters Company
184th Infantry, brigade ordered to Camp
Meade: supply company and Company
K, 162d Infantry for Camp Dix to deInfantry Brigade.

TO ARRIVE TODAY

Caserta due at New York from Mar-seilles, February 6, with 1607 men, in-cluding Sixty-third Regiment Coast Ar-tillery, forty-six officers and 1436 en-tillery, forty-six officers and 1436 entillery, forty-six chiefes

listed men, sixty-five casual officers.

Turrialba, due at New York from La

Pellice February 13, with ninety-six

Maiden, due at New York from St.

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casual officers.

Carrillo, due at New York from Bordeaux, February 13, with fifty-nine men, casuals, including seventeen officers.

DUE TOMORROW Maul, due at New York from Brest, York, one officer and thirty-four enlisted

Maul. due at New York from Brest.
Pebruary 16, with 3391 men, including 350th Field Artillery complete, with exception of forty-three officers detached, thirty-nine officers and 1448 enlisted men (negro), of whom nineteen officers and 765 enlisted men are for Camp Dix; Casual Company No. 258. New York, one officer and twenty-five enlisted men; Casual Companies Nos. 263. Texas: 1209. Illinois; 1210, Michigan; 1912, Iowa and Kansas; Brest Convalence of thirteen casual officers.
Sobral, due at New York from Brest, February 16, with 2555 men, including and staff, headquarters, band, engineer train, ordance and sanitary detachment; Companies A. B. C and D. 102d Infantry, twenty-hine officers and 513 enlisted men; detachments of 102d Engineers.
For and Second Battalion headquarters, sanitary and ordance detachments, or and forty-five enlisted men; for Camp Devens, one officer and forty-one enlisted men; for Camp Grant, one officer and forty-one enlisted men; for Camp Devens, one officer and forty-one enlisted men; for Camp ters, sanitary and ordnance detachments, aupply and machine-gun companies.

Companies A. B. C. D. E and F. 387th listed men; for Camp Gordon, one officer and thirty-three enlisted men. Companies A. E. C. D. E and F. 387th Infantry, forty-three officers and 1693 enlisted men. (negro): 249th Machine-Gun Battalion complete, with exception of eight officers detached, ten officers Gun Battalion complete, and 17th Supply Train complete, seventeen of eight officers detached, ten officers and 486 enlisted men (negro); and 356 enlisted men (negro); Casual 317th Trench Mortar Battery, five officers and 144 enlisted men (negro); Casual 17th Supply Train complete, seventeen officers and 486 enlisted men (negro); Casual 17th Supply Train complete, seventeen officers and 486 enlisted men (negro); Casual 17th Supply Train complete, seventeen officers and 486 enlisted men (negro); Casual 17th Supply Train complete, seventeen officers and 486 enlisted men (negro); Casual 17th Supply Train complete, seventeen officers and 486 enlisted men (negro); Status and Company No. 250. New York, one officer and ninety-four enlisted men; Casual Company No. 1202. New York, two officers and 154 enlisted men; Casual Companies Nos. 260, Illinois, and 1208, Ohlo. Withelmina, due at New York from Bordeaux, February 11, with 1711 men, including Bordeaux Convalescent Denciuding Bordeaux Convalescent Detachments Nos. 16, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 78, 74, 78, 86, 89, 80, 91, 92, 93 and 106, eighty-three officers and 1278 enlisted men, all sick or wounded; Evacuation Ambulance Company No. 89, New enlisted men.

DUE FRIDAY

Aquitania, due at New York from Brest, February 22, with 5852 men, including 366th Infaniry, complete, 125 officers and 8694 enlisted men (negro); men officers and 158 enlisted men (negro); Second Corps Artilley Park, seventeen officers and 1158 enlisted men; Brest Convalescent Detachments No. 50, 70 and 71, twenty-two officers and 247 enlisted men, all sick or wounded; Casual Company No. 1215, Illinois; sixty casual officers, fifty-seven naval officers and five general prisoners of Ninety-second Division; also four wives of naval officers.

America (Italian), due at New York from Marseilles, February 10, with 2162 men, including Headquarters Thirty-fifth for enlisted men; Headquarters and sixty-three enlisted men; Headquarters distry-three enlisted men; Headquarters and sixty-three enlisted men; Headquarters distry-three enlisted men; Headquarters doners and fity-for enli

PLACED ON PRIORITY FOR CONVOY HOME General Pershing notified the War Department today that the complete Thirty-seventh Division (Ohlo and West Virginia National Guard) had been placed on priority for early convoy home. The report of General Pershing Yesterday from and Bakery Company No. 522.

LATE MONTHS CLOSE HIGHER IN CORN PIT

Market Feverish and Irregular All Day, With Trade of Light Volume

Chicago, Feb. 26 .- The corn market was feverish and irregular today, but there was a rally toward the close on covering. Trade was of lighter volume than for some time, operators being inclined to avoid making fresh commit-ments pending an announcement as to [18.45]. Top sheep, \$18.75; top lambs, CALVES—Receipts, 60 head, Higher, Top, the price of hogs for March, which was to expected to be made after 3 p. m. by Frank S. Snyder, chief of the meat division of the food administration at Recognition at Recogn Washington.
First prices were stronger under the

lead of July. Not much purchasing was required to bring about the initial up-turn, but offerings increased on the rise and there was a quick setback. Later fluctuations were unsettled, distant po-sitions ending higher. Oats were also unsettled, the trend

of prices being dictated principally by the action of corn. The close was steadler. Cash houses favored the selling side. Trade was not large. The demand for the cash article continued slow, but shipping directions were said be coming forward more freely on id business

Offerings from the country were light. Leading future ranged as follows:

Corn (new delivery) Low Close close close day 1 26% 1 26% 1 24% 1 26% 1 26% 1 26% 1 26% 1 27% 1 21% 1 21% :: 272 202 50. 501 502 512 513 515 515 25.65 25.75 25.27 25.40 *25.75 24.75 24.80 24.87 24.55 24.82 May 22.20 23.20 27.90 28.05 123.25 Pork— May . . 41.60 41.60 41.00 41.50 41.70 July . . 38.50 38.50 37.90 38.25 38.75 Bid †Asked.

MONEY-LENDING RATES

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NEW YORK—Money on cail, mixed collateral, opened today at 5% per cent for lending and renewing. On all industrial collateral the opening rate was 61% per cent.

The money market showed continued firmness today with call funds on industrials at 6% per cent, time money, 5% per cent for sixty and ninety days on the same class of loans.

Business in time funds is limited.

Prime mercantile paper was slightly firmer in tone with 5% per cent the minimum in most cases.

Bank acceptances are unchanged.

Call loans on prime bank acceptances are unchanged at 4% per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Call, 6 per cent; time, 5½ @6 per cent. Commercial pa-per, three to six mouths, 5½ @5½ per cent; six months, 6 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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New York, Feb. 26.—An easier turn in the neutral exchanges, which, according to some experts, is likely to find further development, characterized the foreign exchange market in the early dealings today. French exchange was also a shade lower.

Quotations were:
Demand sterling 4.75%, cables 4.76 7.16, sixty-day bills, nominally, 4.73%, intervidual bills, 4.71%.
Franc cables 6.45%, checks 5.46.
Lire cables 6.35, checks 6.35%, Swiss cables 4.58, checks 4.92.
Guilder cables 6.35, checks 4.92.
Guilder cables 4.58, checks 4.92.
Guilder cables 25.50, checks 27.55.
Christiania cables 25.55, checks 27.55.
Copenhagen cables 26.05, checks 27.55.
Ruble currency was quiet at 15% © 15%.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings today compared with cor-responding day last two years: 1017 Phila . 1616 Phila . 1626 448 452, 175 \$60.524, 375 N. Tork 705.204, 408 500, 145, 900 507, 221, 186 Boston . 51.693, 946 42, 513, 378 32, 560, 878 Baltim's 12, 537, 967 5, 960, 698 6, 888, 463 Baltim's 12, 537, 967 5, 960, 698 6, 888, 463

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Chicago, Peb. 26.—HOGS-Receipts. 48.000 head. Slow, weak at yesterday's average. Very dull on light hogs. Rulk, 517.40
617.60; heavy butchers. 117.60 217.70; medium and light butchers. 117.60 217.70; medium and light butchers. 117.60 217.70; medium and light butchers. 117.65 217.60;
light, good 50 choice. 116.75 617.55; heavy
packing. 116.75 617.25; medium and mixed
packing. 117.15 617.40; throwouts. 116.25 0
16.75; pigs. 114.25 616.25.
CATTLE—Hereipts. 5000 head. Beet
steers and feeders mostly 25c higher. Choice
cows and helfers. strong to 15c higher;
others and bulls steady. Caives strong to
25c higher. Beef good, choice and prime.
514.50 20; common and medium. 110.75 g.
16.25; butcher helfers. 17.75 615.50; cows.
17.56 215; stockers and feeders. good.
choice and fancy. 111.15 615; metror, common and medium, 18.23 611.15; caives,
116.26 517.25.
SHEEP—Receipts. 8000 head. Active;
mostly 15c to 25c higher. Top lambs. 118.65.

East Buffalo, N. V., Feb. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 250 head. Steady. Calves, receipts, light. Steady, \$5,921.

HOUSE-Receipts, 2000 head. Pigs, slow. Others loc to 20c higher. Heavy and mixed. \$18,25 \ \text{ight yerkers.} \ \$18,25 \ \text{ight yerkers.} \ \$16,25 \ \text{ight yerkers.} \ \$10,918.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts. 2000 head. Lambs. \$10,918.

St. Louis. Feb. 26.—HOGS—Receipts, 22., 500 head Lower Lights. \$17.25 gir.50; pigs. \$12.50 gir.50; pigs. \$12.50 gir.50; pigs. \$12.50 gir.50; heav. \$17.75 gir.50; heav. \$17.75 gir.50; heav. \$17.75 gir.50; heav. \$17.75 gir.50; heav. \$10.50 gir.50; heav. \$12.50 gir.50; head. \$16.50 gir.50; head. \$1.50 gir.50

Ransas Citr. Mo., Feb. 26.—HOGS—Receipta, 20,000 head. Higher. Heavy, \$17.50 \$17.80; hutchers. \$17.40 \$17.70; lights. \$17.80; hutchers. \$17.40 \$17.70; lights. \$17.81; 40; pirs. \$12.218; co. \$17.61; hereiots. \$11.000 head. Steady-Prime steers, \$18.219; southern steers, nominally, \$1.218; co. \$18.219; southern steers, \$18.50 \$14.50; calves. \$7.514. SHEEP—Receipts. \$6000 head. Strong. Lambs. \$17.75 \$18.25; yearlings. \$14.916.25; wethers. \$12.213; ewes. \$11.75 \$12.

South Omaha, Feb. 26.—HOGS—Receipts, 22,500 head. He to 25c lower. CATTLE—Receipts, 5500 head. Strong. lot to 15c higher. SHEEP—Receipts, 8600 head. 10c to 25c lower.

BAR SILVER

Commercial bar silver was quoted in New York today at \$1.01% an ounce, unchanged; in London at 47%d, un-changed.

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